

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (Currently Amended) Packaging (1) made from a thermally and/or mechanically deformable plastics film with two half-shells (2, 3), which may be joined together, preferably reclosably, in a ~~heat-sealing~~ plane (4) and so form a hollow article (10) and in which the ~~heat-sealing~~ plane (4) is inclined relative to the horizontal and, characterised in that, in the area of the hollow article (10), ~~the heat-sealing plane (4)~~ extends substantially along the diagonal of the hollow article characterised in that it comprises a closure (6), which takes the form of a projection (31) with a recess (30) complementary thereto, wherein the recess takes the form of an elongate hole.

2. (Original) Packaging according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises between the first and the second half-shell (2, 3) at least one hinge (5), with which the packaging (1) may be opened and closed.

3. (Currently Amended) Packaging according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 2~~ claim 1, characterised in that the two half-shells (2, 3) in each case comprise a heat-sealing rim.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) Packaging according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterised in that the half-shells (2, 3) comprise stiffening ribs (11).

6. (Currently Amended) A process for producing the packaging for foodstuffs from a thermally and/or mechanically deformable plastics film with two half-shells (2, 3), which may be joined together, preferably reclosably, in a heat-sealing plane (4), wherein the heat-sealing plane (4) is inclined relative to the package bottom (18) horizontal, characterised in that, during thermoforming, heat-sealing and/or cutting of the packaging, the package bottom (18) is inclined relative to, the machine plane (10) corresponds to the heat-sealing plane (4) of the article.

7. (Original) A production process according to claim 6, characterised in that the half-shells (2, 3) are respectively thermoformed from a lower film (13) and an upper film (14).

8. (Original) A process according to claim 7, characterised in that the upper film (14) and the lower film (13) are brought together in the heat-sealing plane (4) and are held together with holding down means (15) before heat-sealing.

9. (Currently Amended) A process for filling with a foodstuff product (9) packaging made from a thermally and/or mechanically deformable plastics film with two half-shells (2, 3), which may be joined together, preferably reclosably, in a heat-sealing plane (4), wherein the heat-sealing plane (4) is inclined relative to the horizontal package bottom (18), characterised in that, during filling of the packaging, the package bottom is arranged in inclined manner relative to the machine plane (10) corresponds to the heat-sealing plane (4) of the half-shells (2, 3).

10. (Original) A process according to claim 9, characterised in that, during the filling operation, the product (9) is guided against at least parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and/or optionally aligned therewith.

11. (Original) A process according to claim 10, characterised in that, during filling, the product slides along at least parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and is so guided and optionally aligned.

12. (Original) A process according to claim 10, characterised in that, during filling, the product is pressed at least against parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and is so guided and optionally aligned.

13. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 9-12~~claim 9, characterised in that, after filling, the product is pressed with means 21 against at least parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and is so aligned.

14. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 9-13~~claim 9, characterised in that, before filling, the product (9) is gauged with means (17).

15. (Original) A process according to claim 14, characterised in that, after gauging, the product (9) is pressed with a plunger (18) in the half-shell (3).